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Some Important Happenings in the South

THAT MAY PLEASE OUR READERS

An Assortment of New Events That Occurred in our Midst that Cannot Fail to Interest.

If the new spring hats are any indication, prosperity is really here.

According to the Los Angeles Board of Health, the milk bottle, if not kept clean, is more dangerous than the whiskey bottle.

The price of gas has been reduced from \$1.75 to \$1.10 per thousand in San Francisco. Why shouldn't it be thus reduced in Southern California.

The "devil" in the office of Pickme-up, the new Los Angeles comic weekly, is a member of the Salvation Army. Another case of a sheep in wolf's clothing.

Downey, besides being the home of Governor Gage and the Downey Champion, claims to have the champion baseball club of Southern California.—Los Angeles Express.

The people of Rialto have just organized a new water company, with capital stock amounting to \$150,000, to insure that community from injury by drought in the future. Insurance of this sort is wise, just as it is wise to insure against fire.

Pasadena has been agitating the subject of having an ordinance requiring wheelmen to carry lighted lamps when using their wheels at night. Such an ordinance would be a pretty good thing to have in cities. It would prevent some serious accidents.

The Vote.—The official canvass of the votes cast, recently in the municipal election at Santa Ana has been completed by the Board of Trustees. The contest for the office of City Recorder resulted in a tie vote, and it will be necessary to call a special election in order to fill this office.

The injunction, "keep off the grass" is being enforced by the forest rangers in Kern county. Ten thousand sheep belonging to one firm have already been driven off Uncle Sam's reserves in that county. It may be a little hard on the sheep men, but they are few in number compared with those who use water in their business.

The failure of the effort to raise a fund for the relief of Luther Tibbetts, who introduced navel oranges in California, now a poor old man, is pretty severe retribution, because of the enemies he made when a younger and more influential man. Those old-time enemies might better have tried the scriptural method of heaping coals of fire on his head.

Speaking of the new prize-fighting law the Hanford Sentinel says: Well, what of it? Has there been any time for at least a dozen years past when pluguglies, who wanted to prize fight, couldn't fight to their hearts' content and that, too, before plenty of people? We don't remember the time in this state when public opinion ever put up the bars, so it is impossible that the bars should be lowered.

The Finance Committee of the Free Harbor Jubilee has appealed to both the City Council and the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles for contributions. Both bodies ought to, and doubtless will, comply. The building of the breakwater will be a benefit to every property owner in the county, and it is not unjust to ask the county as well as the city to contribute a portion of the expense of the celebration.

The Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals at Bakersfield has taken up a subject which should be considered elsewhere—that of providing watering places for animals, not only in the city, but in the country. There are long stretches of road in the country where no water is to had for horses or other animals. As a result the animals are driven sometimes twenty-five miles or more during warm weather over dusty roads without having a drop of water.

H. P. Wood, former United States consul at Hawaii, and recently delegate to Washington from Southern California in the interests of the Nicaragua Canal, has been elected secretary of the San Diego chamber of commerce to succeed Capt. R. V. Dodge, who has been elected City Treasurer. Mr. Wood brings to the office qualifications peculiarly adapted to its duties, and the San Diego chamber of commerce may be expected to become a still greater power for good in the future.

Peculiar Religionists—Rev. H. Buffum, the boy preacher of the Church of the Nazarene, is holding a series of sensational revival meetings at Redlands. The meetings continue all night, the shouting of the congregation composing the greater part of the service. The other night a new feature was in-

troduced, when Buffum and four of the young girls who attend the meetings, lay on the platform until early morning in an alleged trance. About them the younger enthusiasts gathered and spent the night in stroking their faces and hands.

An indication of what the drought of the past year cost Santa Barbara county is to be seen in the fact that from April 1, 1898, to April 1, 1899, the railroad alone has brought to Santa Barbara 7085 tons of hay, 775 tons of corn, 360 tons of barley, and 165 tons of oats, the value of which, conservatively estimated, was \$140,000. Besides this a very considerable amount was brought by water transportation. Had the rains been abundant, no doubt more stock would have been kept and hay and grain would have been exported. The outlook for the coming year is, however, much more favorable.

Saloon Restrictions—The trustees of Santa Monica have about decided to abandon all music from saloons in that town and will carry the reform even to the removal of side rooms, and may go a step further and adopt a clause similar to one in Philadelphia's saloon ordinance, which prohibits the presence of chairs or tables in the bar room and makes it an offense to in any way restrict a view of the bar room from the street. The city attorney is now at work on a new saloon ordinance in which it is proposed to adopt the above suggestions, and it is hinted that he is being guided in his work by a copy of the eastern city's ordinance, which is said to be the strictest and the most successful ordinance of its kind in the United States.

OF INTEREST TO TEACHERS.

Eastern Journals Print Articles on Los Angeles.

A page of last week's issue of the School Journal, published at New York and Chicago, is devoted to Los Angeles and the National Educational Association convention to be held here in July. One article on "History of the Convention City," gives a graphic description of the growth of Los Angeles from the time it contained a population of 114 persons until the present day. The lower third of the page is covered with a picture of Broadway looking north from Third street.

An article on Historical Los Angeles written by J. M. Guinn, is being prepared for circulation by the local executive committee. It is descriptive of the points of interest in the city, notable among them being relics of days when the city was under Mexican rule. Word has been received by the local committee that the publicity committee of the Santa Barbara board of trade is making arrangements to entertain the N. E. A. delegates when they visit that city.

WOMAN ON THE WARPATH.

She Defies the Law and Lands in Jail.

Santa Barbara — Mrs. Frances Broome, a wealthy but eccentric English woman residing in this city, resisted the City Marshal's efforts to carry out the orders of the Council in removing an obstructing fence and hedge in the street fronting her property. She claims the line is proper under an old survey. She was armed with a pickaxe. With her gardener, who carried a revolver, she attacked the Marshal's force when they began work this morning. Marshal Martin received an ugly scratch on the hand while placing Mrs. Broome under arrest. Both herself and the man were disarmed and are now in jail. She refuses to accept bail and threatens a damage suit.

NO CASES LAST WEEK.

The Smallpox is Rapidly Disappearing From Los Angeles.

Smallpox is dying out rapidly in Los Angeles. There have been no new cases and no suspects reported during last week. Dr. Powers is encouraged over the prospects and while there may be a case now and then for some time, the trouble is over.

The bulletin is as follows:
City Health Department.
Total number of cases now under treatment, 7; number new cases from noon April 7, none; number of suspects reported from noon, April 7, none. L. M. POWERS, M. D., Health Officer.

WAS A BLOODY AFFAIR.

Two Hundred Left Dead on the Field Before Oruru.

Lima, (Peru)—The engagement of revolutionists and government troops before Oruru, Bolivia, was a bloody affair, and 200 dead were left on the field.

Pando led the revolutionists, and after an hour's fighting drove President Alonzo's men from the field. Pando then occupied Oruru. Alonzo, with only a handful of men, fled to Antofagasta, Chile. The Chileans are disarming the fugitives who cross their boundary.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS

Important Information Gathered Around the Coast.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

A Summary of Late Events That Are Boiled Down to Suit our Busy Readers.

What a lot of money two dollars seem; now that the poll tax man is around, exclaims the Oakland Tribune. Even people who bought \$5 seats at the opera night after night, don't feel equal to the occasion.

Five carloads of horses, eighty in number, have just been shipped at Bakersfield for Germany. It is evident that good horses are still appreciated in Europe, in spite of the alleged popularity of the auto.

The Oakland Tribune wants to know "if the shoe trust can last?" Probably it will last if it does not peg out or get on its uppers. It is understood to be well heeled, and it certainly is not one of the corporations that have no soles.

The Jerome News says: "For the population Arizona publishes more newspapers than any other section of the Union, and they are all apparently well supported or their proprietors have the faculty of getting along on less."

The Santa Cruz Sentinel wants it distinctly understood that it is not Santa Cruz, Cal., that has been captured by General Lawton. That town will refuse to surrender till the California troops come there to camp this summer.

The Williams News has figured out this morsel of consolation: "The destruction of the Windsor hotel in New York, and the awful loss, is another proof of how lucky is the Arizona prospector who carries his bed around, from place to place on his back."

A correspondent, writing from Phoenix, Ariz., asks why the grain and feed men do not advertise. He says he wants to find somebody, who handles oil-coke meal, and that he cannot find anything of the kind in the paper. This paper is unable to answer the conundrum.

An amazing number of cripples are developing in Arizona. Out of thirty-six men registered to vote at the municipal election by one clerk the other day in Phoenix thirty were cripples. This condition of things is one of the remarkable results of exempting cripples from paying a poll tax.

The new law in Arizona requiring the presentation of a poll tax receipt before any citizen is permitted to vote is causing a boom in the assessor's offices in the Territory. It would not be surprising if this law were to enable a good many indifferent voters to get their poll taxes paid without expense to themselves.

We note a tendency in some quarters to complain because it is to be an armored cruiser and not a battleship that is to bear the proud name "California." But let us not be captious; a cruiser is faster than a battleship, and California is nothing if not rapid; again, few battleships cost \$4,000,000 which is to be the amount expended on the California. We are not being treated "so worse."

Japs Must Go—W. M. Rice, United States Commissioner of Immigration at Victoria, B. C., arrived at San Francisco on his way to Washington from Japan, where he was sent to study the labor conditions of Japan, and the probable menace to this country by the threatened influx of Japanese. It is thought that as the result of his recommendations, congress will be asked to keep out Japanese laborers and mechanics.

The Dry Wine Industry—The initial step has been taken to organize the dry-wine industry of California. Santa Clara county vineyardists have held a meeting and decided that the only safety of those engaged in the business consisted in firm allegiance to the California Wine Makers' Corporation. Six delegates will represent Santa Clara at the state convention to be held in San Francisco for the purpose of organizing all vineyardists on some workable plan.

The Trustees and Marshal of Fresno are scarcely less culpable than Shanklin, the City Clerk, who has absconded, if, as it is asserted, they have been aware for months that his accounts were short. Their excuse is that they believed he would make the shortage good if given time. This excuse might have been tolerated had a watch been kept on him so that he could not escape, but this was not done and Shanklin is gone and no one knows whither.

The Territorial University of Arizona is all torn up by a row resulting from a "pillow fight" among the stu-

dents. The students, it seems, according to the statement of the faculty, insisted on having their fun during study hours, and were disciplined for disobeying. Then some twenty or more of them left the university. Some of them will apply for admission to the Stanford university. If the statement of the faculty of the Arizona university be true, they ought not to be received at Stanford or any other university.

The Phoenix, Ariz., Gazette insists jealously upon the right of editors to kick, especially in that territory. It says: "If an Arizona newspaper wasn't allowed to kick its usefulness would be at an end. The editors live on one meal a day, few of them have a speaking acquaintance with the silver dollar they so gloriously advocate, and most of their time and space are used up in telling what grand characters their delinquent subscribers are, what pre-eminent statesmen are elected to the legislature and how beautiful Sally Bedford looked in her freckles and her calico as she waddled up to the altar on the arm of her bowlegged Benny. Yet in the face of such conditions our contemporary says "don't kick."

DON'T LIKE UNCLE COLLIS.

Mexican Papers Call Him a Yankee and Criticise His Methods.

City of Mexico—The reported sale to C. P. Huntington of the famous Iron Mountain at Durango elicits some savage comments from the daily papers here. El Pais, which is a penny paper, says:

"In order to take possession of the country, the Yankee has for some years past employed the most ignominious, as well as the most silent methods. He is unworthy of fighting. He takes advantage of our hunger and exploits our lack of patriotism. He flings us a few gold coins in order to become the owner of the great wealth of Mexico. Day by day, the city and mining properties, the safest and most profitable business are finding their way into his hands so that just as the trees are divested of their leaves, Mexico is losing her belongings one by one."

FROM FOREIGN LANDS.

Madrid—At a political meeting at La Grona, capital of the province of that name, violent speeches were made against former Premier Sagasta, the orators accusing him of being the author of the misfortunes of the country.

Madrid—It is announced that the minister of marine will submit to the chamber a bill for the construction of ten ironclads.

Lesson in Politeness—Lieutenant Colonel G. F. Brown, military attache of the British Legation at Peking, was arrested for refusing to remove his hat while a religious procession was passing.

MURDERED BY CHILKAT INDIANS.

Victoria, B. C.—A miner has reached Dyea, Alaska, who claims to be the survivor of a party of three, two of whom were murdered by Chilkat Indians near the village of Klukwan. According to his story they were defacing a totem pole by cutting their initials on it, and were surprised by a large party of Indians, who shot at them, killing his two companions. He escaped by running into the brush. The men killed were Sidney Vance, an Englishman, and Charles Erickson, a Swede.

SWEDEN AND NORWAY.

Incidents Showing the Tension in Relations Between Them.

New York—A dispatch to the Herald from Stockholm says the tension of the relations between Sweden and Norway is indicated by the following incidents:

During the Crown Prince's recent visit to Christiania he invited the members of the chambers to dinner at the royal castle. About sixty of them rudely returned the invitations. The Crown Prince was naturally highly offended, and spoke indignantly of their act.

The Swedish minister of war, as usual, asked the permission of his Norwegian colleagues to delegate a couple of officers to attend the autumn maneuvers in Norway. To the surprise of all here the permission was refused.

The Crown Princess is suffering from inflammation in her eyes and her doctors have forbidden reading. Vice-Admiral Pedron, who is celebrating his jubilee as a naval officer, retires this month.

LIVE STOCK.

The owners of an eastern stock farm are working an ingenious advertising scheme in sending out to the press for publication as news an item to the effect that application has been made for insurance of \$50,000 on a young Jersey bull, owned at the farm. For that matter "application" might be made for insurance of \$500,000 or even \$5,000,000.

MINES AND MINING.

Escondido Times: The new five-stamp mill recently put up at the Escondido gold mines by the Cleveland-Pacific Mining company is now in operation, running day and night.

Randsburg Miner: The Little Butte mine is taking out some exceptionally rich ore now and the outlook for that company is decidedly better than for some time past. They now have paying ore in nearly all their levels.

The St. George mine at Vanderbilt is becoming one of the best gold mines on the desert, says the Los Angeles Mining and Mineralurgical Journal. The property was falsely represented to the bonanza kings, Flood and Mackay, who bought it some years ago for \$50,000, and dropped it after expending nearly as much more on it. A. G. Campbell, the present owner, has developed a ten-foot vein of base ore running from \$20 to \$40 a ton at a depth of 175 feet.

Mohave County (Ariz.) Miner: The gravel beds of the Colorado river are being bonded and bought up by mining companies. It is thought that when sufficient territory has been secured a gigantic dam will be thrown across the canyon of the Colorado and thousands of horse power electricity generated. From this generator will be transmitted power to all the hydraulic plants on the river banks and the great work of separating the gold from mother earth will go on in ceaseless monotony. Enough gold is buried in these gravel banks to pay off the national debt and have a good-sized amount left over for pin-money.

FROM RANDSBURG.

The Randsburg Miner publishes the following about the rich gravel strikes in the Stringer district:

The main shaft in the gravel diggings is down to bedrock at 32 feet, with drifts run in all directions. The bedrock is irregular and seems to be deepest at the shaft, rising as distance is reached either north or south, this indicating that it is the bed of an original stream many, many years ago.

The pay streak varies in thickness from a foot to three and is intermixed with round, smooth boulders. They have four miners at work in as many different directions from the main shaft, and only take out enough over the pay dirt to give room for working. Over the gravel is hard, cement-like stuff, which makes a good roof, holding without timbering. A whip has been rigged and they are now hoisting with a horse. Each miner is taking out about two tons of pay dirt per day.

The first car was milled at Barstow and was good enough to induce further effort. Two cars were afterwards milled at the Red Dog mill in Johannesburg, and now they are loading three cars on the switch at St. Elmo, half a mile distant, for Barstow again.

Many are at work in the neighborhood prospecting, and it looks as though that whole section of country sloping east from the Stringer mines might be underlaid with this pay gravel. The gold is much of it coarse and a beautiful bright color. These mines are located just west of the side line of the St. Elmo mine, and the best way to get there is to follow the road to the St. Elmo.

FROM NEEDLES.

The Needles Eye contains the following:

Quite a robust rumor of a large and important mining deal is afloat this week, which, if true, will have a tendency to stir up things generally in mining circles up the river.

Report comes from Stump Springs, near the Nevada line, that James Fisk and Johnny Yount have made quite a rich strike. The ledge is 3 1/2 feet wide and showed 200 ounces in silver, \$75 in gold, with some copper.

Another mining deal was transacted this week in which two prominent Needles gentlemen are the principals. Messrs. J. H. West and Steve Bedell have sold their interests in the Sheep Trail mines and have purchased the Mitchell & Leland group across the river. Both are conservative, practical miners and not liable to mistake a good thing when they see it, and their late purchase brings them into possession of a very valuable mining property.

PROSPECTOR'S LUCK.

Max Cohn Strikes a Rich Vein in Arizona.

Max Cohn, a well known prospector, writes from Arizona to his partner, Manny Lowenstein, that he has found a promising vein of gold ore at the west end of the Eagle Tail range, five miles northeast of Montezuma Head, and about ten miles from the Gila, in Maricopa county. The vein is in granite, with porphyritic footwall. The rich ore is on the footwall, and is composed of oxidized iron, copper carbonate and copper glance, quite distinct from the rest of the ledge, which is white quartz. The pay streak is six inches wide. Samples of the ore show free gold and assay \$1500. The extent of the vein has not been determined, as very little work has been done on the claim.